

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concern about FM translators not being available for radio stations such as KLOVE. My family and I have listened to KLOVE for about 8 years, and it has made a profound impact on our daily lives. First, we have a radio station that is "family-friendly" and as a parent, I don't need to worry about what my children will hear. Second, for people who are terribly depressed, angry or even suicidal, having KLOVE is a constant source of comfort and support. I believe that thousands of lives have been saved and hundreds more thousands of lives improved because of KLOVE's positive music and biblical messages.

For the spouse who is angry and considering divorce, an encouraging message on the radio can give them the courage to seek help and fight for their marriage; for a child who wants to run off with their friends and drink instead of going to school, a worship song could make them rethink their choice.

For these reasons, if KLOVE were to be displaced by an LPFM broadcaster providing other programming, it's obvious that hundreds of thousands of lives would suffer. This is not a matter of musical preference, this is a matter of people finding spiritual and emotional support as they go about their day. It's difficult to listen to KLOVE in your car and experience road rage, or to want to drive to a bar and drink and drive. The message on KLOVE is a constant reminder to listeners to love others and to have hope for the future.

Even people who are not listening are benefiting from KLOVE. Imagine the pain that is spared on numerous lives when just one driver decides to hold off on drinking after work because KLOVE has reminded him of his responsibility to care for others. Similarly, children at home or in the car with their tired and frustrated mothers are protected and more likely to be treated better when their mom is given hope and words of wisdom.

KLOVE is not just about serving Christians, it is about protecting our community by reaching out to people with a positive and encouraging message -- no matter where they are or the time of day. I believe that because of KLOVE, fewer people are killed by road rage and drunken drivers, and fewer children and spouses are emotionally or physically harmed.

I hope that you will consider the implications on communities around the country should the KLOVE signal be replaced by an LPFM broadcaster providing other programming.

Sincerely,  
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